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With respect to AB 1497, Notice of Changes to Proposed Permit Implementation regulations, as we are within the 15-day comment period, please accept this email correspondence as my written comment to the proposed changes.

First, let me say that I applaud your efforts to increase the latitude with which the Enforcement Agencies (EAs) can mandate additional notice steps to help ensure environmental justice for the citizens of all our communities. Having said that, I must add that it would be better if you would go just a bit further in your examples listed. I realize your verbiage of, "including but not limited to" leaves the door essentially open to the EAs to consider additional steps, but why not put it down in black and white?

For example, why not suggest the postings be at the area churches, libraries, post offices, Laundromats, and community centers? Also, postings should not only be "multilingual", but should have graphics for those who cannot read in ANY language! Your current verbiage mentions "...and multilingual notice and translation....". It is not clear if you are saying it is possible to mandate translation services will be provided at the meetings. If this is the case, and it should be, the wording needs to be clearer and not left to interpretation.

Finally, one area I do not see covered and think should be seriously considered is the mandate to have the meetings at locations on or near bus routes, and better yet, offer transportation services, perhaps from local churches or businesses, to the meeting sites. This would really demonstrate our commitment to environmental justice for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gail Kent